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To MOLOTOV.

On 3 November VETROV [i] was at SIDORENKO's [ii]. SIDORENKO stated that no coercion [NASILIE] had been used on him since 20 October, he will not make any statements since he doesn't know the materials of the investigation and the whole affair is being conducted in Swedish, but he will not make any statements anyway. On 28 October a memorandum [PROMEMORIA] of investigator SOOERSTROM was made public to the court, that S. wasn't a diplomat, and therefore coercion was used and it should have been.

[12 groups unrecovered]

....PEL'D said that in the memorandum nothing was said about coercion, but "measures of constraint," a detailed explanation of which the Director of the Juridical Department will give to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[12 groups unrecovered]
[255 groups unrecoverable]

Comments:

[i] VETROV: Mikhail Sergeevich VETROV, Counsellor of Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.
[ii] SIDORENKO: Vasiliij SIDORENKO, member of the Soviet Trade Delegation.

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